

## of Cameron Lumber Company Objected to By City Council

City is to register a vigorous protest with the Ottawa government proposed encroachments upon the Victoria arm, above the Ellice bridge, on the part of the lumber companies doing business in the vicinity. At Friday evening's meeting of the streets committee, a letter was received from the city pointing out that Thos. Gore had made a survey of the site for the extension of their yards and building grounds by the Cameron Lumber company, and found that the lines shown in the plans would encroach to a serious extent upon the navigation channel. Accompanying the letter was a map showing the proposed encroachments. It was the unanimous decision of the members of the committee that the lumber company was asked to make alterations, and it was decided to forward the plan to the government and make a formal protest against the same being approved.

As decided to have prepared a showing the exact boundaries of the water lots owned by the city on the street and the extent to which neighboring owners encroach upon the city's water lots. A preliminary survey of these lots was granted to the city for engineering purposes. The plan will be made by G. Hargreaves, who has already made a survey of the lots. Complaint of G. H. McGregor, that Luney Bros., contractors, had dug up their property in North street, it was decided to notify Luney Bros. to repair the damage at once, and that should any accident they would be held liable for damages. The wishes of E. F. Lang to construct a permanent wharf on the west side of Wharf near the corner of Johnson, the city to pay one-half the cost, this arrangement being made by the fact that the old plank was torn up when the new road was laid, the level of which is the floors of the buildings situated on the property.

## IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

esse and La Patrie Favor Contribution By Canada.

real, Feb. 12.—Both La Presse and La Patrie have thrown in their lot with imperial defence participation by the Dominion of Canada. La Patrie, following up its article of yesterday, says that "if a vote were taken the principle of contribution would be voted by eight out of the nine provinces composing the confederation who can say what vote will be in the ninth? But let us suppose Quebec should vote against imperial defence, would her position be any different? Could she succeed in preventing other provinces from pronouncing in favor of the project? The Canadians are in a minority in the Dominion, and it is not vain appeals to reason that would give her the victory. Let those, in fact, who would resist tell us what they would do. Would we relieve our allegiance to Great Britain, and would we ask the United States to take over the province of Quebec? Let us place England would not let us and certainly the United States do not want us under similar conditions.

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## LONG FOLLS OPPONENT.

ancouver, B. C., Feb. 12.—The scheduled 15-round contest at North Vancouver last night between Louie Long, a Canadian, and Rod Standen, of Vancouver, terminated rather suddenly in the fourth round, when Long, who had repeatedly fouled Standen, was taken to his corner after putting the champion to the floor in great agony by a series of blows to the groin. Before Hewitt declared the affair, and all bets were off. There were howls of derision from Long's backers. There was a man, as the bout did not go on, and the referee determined this point of the largest crowds that has attended a show in North Vancouver.

## HUDSON'S BAY STORES.

London, Feb. 12.—Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company is now in London in connection with the reorganization of the shop of the company on the lines suggested by Mr. Birbridge, director of the stores.

## SHOULD CITY PASS AGREEMENT?

OAK BAY PROPOSAL COMES UP TO-NIGHT

Interviews With Some of the Leading Citizens on the Situation

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
The chief topic of conversation to-day amongst those who take an interest in municipal matters is the suggested agreement between the city of Victoria and the municipality of Oak Bay relative to a supply of water, and the fate which awaits that measure when it comes before the council this evening. It will be recalled that it was first introduced at last Monday's meeting of the Victoria city council, and that it was defeated on a tie vote. The same evening the agreement passed the Oak Bay council unanimously.  
Mayor Morley and others at the council board who favored the measure considered it so vital to the welfare of Victoria in respect to its relations with the neighboring municipality in the matter of a water supply, that they have decided to reintroduce it in amended form at a special meeting to be held this evening. It is thought very probably that it will pass, inasmuch as Ald. Bannerman, who was absent at the last meeting, and who is understood to be favorable to it, will be present this evening.

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## C. P. R. TRYING TO BUY MINES

MOVEMENT TO SECURE QUEEN CHARLOTTE FIELD

Recent Sale of Dunsmuir Interests Making Corporation Keen for Other Properties

There is a movement afoot to acquire the Queen Charlotte Island coal fields, and it is generally believed that the C. P. R. is behind it. For a long time it has been well known that there are very extensive coal beds beneath practically the whole of Graham Island. The seams are thick and it is thought they are not as badly broken as are some parts of Vancouver Island. The only thing that has delayed the development of the coal beds has been the fact that up to quite recently the market for coal has been fully supplied from the Vancouver Island mines.  
To-day the situation is changed. Mackenzie and Mann moving to acquire the Queen Charlotte mines, from which the C. P. R. at present draw their supply, that corporation is intensely interested in securing a supply for themselves which they will be able to control for their own use. They do not look with favor on the Nanaimo mines, and the Pacific Coast mines are not yet fully developed. The C. P. R. is believed, having turned their attention to the Queen Charlottes. Whether the deal for these coal rights will go through it is impossible to say. Among those interested in the Queen Charlotte coal fields is Major Nicholles of this city. In a recent issue of the Prince Rupert Optimist says:  
"The B. C. Mainland & Coast Development will sometime this month apply for a charter of the provincial government, which will give permission to operate in British Columbia. This company of whom Major Nicholles of Victoria, is one, and who are represented in town at the present time by John M. Walters Jr., composed of capital from across the line, seeks to become incorporated that they may build and operate a smelter in Prince Rupert, produce gas and sell it to the city and operate mines. The company are satisfied that there is enough ore at the present time in sight to warrant them in starting work on their smelter. One company in Alaska alone last year kept six boats plying back and forth continuously to the Tacoma smelter. There is a prospect of producing mines in the Portland Canal in six months, the Queen Charlotte mines, the Skeena valley. The company holds coal fields on Graham Island, which has proved to produce excellent coking coal and which they are prepared to develop immediately. A spur line is now planned from the mines to the water, near Skidgate. Beside coal the company owns other mineralized properties, which they will proceed to develop along with their smelter."

## CHARGED WITH ARSON.

Five Prisoners Are Accused of Burning School.

Abilene, Wash., Feb. 22.—George Averill, 22; Walter Bray, 18; Walter Kraft, 15; Jim Raymond, 16, and Earl M. Henry, 18, of Centalla, are in the local jail to-day, awaiting trial on the charge of the burning of the west side school building, destroyed by fire last Wednesday.

## EXTENSION OF TRAINS.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The senate railway committee this morning reported without amendment the bill extending the time for construction for the extension of the Esquimaut & Nanaimo railway.

The extension of the E. & N. is to Campbell.

## A BANK FOR WORK ESTATE

BRANCH TO OPEN HERE THIS SUMMER

Canadian Bank of Commerce Inaugurate Policy of District Banking Institutions

The inevitable extension of Victoria's retail section into sub-retail districts, and the consequent business expansion in the last year, has been recognized and acted upon by the Canadian Bank of Commerce in this city by the purchase of a site for a northern city branch in the Work Estate.  
This is the first extension of the kind of the financial institutions of the city, and will doubtless be followed by development in other directions by this and other banks.  
The corner purchased by Managers Gillespie and Crawford is situated on the southwest corner of Bay and Douglas streets, on the old Finlayson estate. The bank will open for business just as quickly as they can get a building erected, which will probably be by midsummer. In the meantime they may take temporary quarters to take care of the business offering.  
Speaking this morning of the proposed extension, both gentlemen expressed the opinion that the establishment of such a branch would be a great convenience to the residents of a large and growing district, hitherto unserved by such an institution. In the meantime it will be useful in the main for checking and deposit purposes, but the rapid growth of this and other suburbs is bringing the day very close when it will fill the more comprehensive duties of general banking. In taking the step they have, they state they are merely following the modern trend of business which goes after the trade instead of waiting for it to come. In the city of Toronto, which is one of the most important of the centres of bank of commerce operations, branches are in some places, the Crawford states, only a few blocks apart.  
This extension will probably be followed by other extensions, if, as is anticipated, it justifies itself by results.  
The move has a significance out of proportion to the monetary consideration involved, as it is the first recognition by the banking institutions of a development which always follows in the city of Toronto, which is approaching the 50,000 mark in population.  
The two lots, which have frontage of 120 feet on Douglas and over 100 on Bay, were bought for \$18,000. Gillespie & Hart being responsible for the sale.

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Constantinople, Feb. 17.—The Greek army is still holding Athens to-day against the hostile navy, according to advices received here from the Greek capital.  
The army men are reported to have seized ammunition intended for the torpedo boat destroyers of the fleet, rendering the vessels practically useless.  
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## BLIZZARD SWEEPS MANY STATES

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS INTERRUPTED

Weather is Intensely Cold—Ohio Has Heaviest Snow-fall of Winter

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 17.—The entire northwest is in the grip of a cold wave to-day. Minnesota and the Dakotas are blizzard swept, and communication is difficult.  
Storm Unabated.  
St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—The heaviest snow fall of the season was recorded to-day throughout the southwest. A blizzard which has raged for 28 hours continues with unabated fury this morning.  
Traffic Delayed.  
Denver, Col., Feb. 17.—Train service in the inter-mountain district was delayed slightly to-day, according to railroad officials here who denied, however, that the cold wave had completely paralyzed traffic. The officials also denied that a report that the Northern Pacific trains were stalled on their way to the coast is true.  
Swept By Blizzard.  
Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Snow to the depth of eight inches has fallen here to-day and registers the heaviest fall of the winter. A blizzard is sweeping Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, according to reports received here.

## KAISER SUFFERS FROM INFLUENZA

Physicians Say He Will Be Able to Be Out in a Few Days

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Berlin, Feb. 17.—Emperor William is confined to his bed with an attack of influenza, according to an announcement from the palace to-day. The Royal physicians state that his condition is not serious and that he will be out in a few days.  
Meanwhile attendants on the Kaiser are keeping from him any information concerning the Socialist disturbances throughout Germany that may tend to alarm him or aggravate the danger of his condition.

## EIGHT IN MINE.

Man's Skull Is Fractured and His Assault Is Held in Jail.

Crushe, Alaska, Feb. 17.—John Harris, a helper, is near death to-day, his skull crushed in, and Joe Bakich, a Slavonian machine man, is in the Juneau jail following a vicious fight at the thousand-foot level of the Ready Bullion mine, near Treadwell, yesterday. Harris has never been able to talk since the fight, while the Slavonian declares he struck in self-defense.

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## JAPAN ANXIOUS TO KEEP SUBJECTS AT HOME

Officials Say Future Depends Upon Her Ability to Meet Commerce Competition

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Tokio, Feb. 17.—Officials of the Japanese federal offices to-day expressed their strong disapproval of the attitude assumed by the Asahi, a Conservative Japanese daily paper, which yesterday advocated that Japan take action to compel the United States to permit the naturalization of Japanese subjects. The foreign office officials declared that Japan's future depended largely upon her ability to meet international commerce competition. To prepare herself for this, they declared, "racial concentration" is imperative, and that patriotism should compel Japanese subjects to remain at home and not seek American naturalization. Although Japan is overcrowded, they said, her present population is inadequate to permit her to contest on equal terms with more populous nations for commercial supremacy.  
The officials believe that her energies must be turned into channels that will make for industrial and commercial supremacy.

## REGINA HUNG AT REGINA—CONFESSED HIS GUILT

(Special to the Times.)  
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## URGES EXPORT DUTY ON NICKEL

President of Hamilton Company Believes Combine Can Be Combated

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The troubles of the Nickel Steel Company of Hamilton in trying to float its proposition in face of the American competition by C. M. Schwab, president of the International Nickel Company, were related to the mines committee yesterday by John Patterson, of Hamilton. The company, acquired properties in Sudbury and elsewhere and invested \$1,000,000 in a refinery at Hamilton, but it had to be abandoned. The first arrangements for financing were made there by J. Pierpont Morgan, but he later withdrew, unless there should be an agreement to eliminate nickel. Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann were approached, but the company was hardly formed when they withdrew on learning that Morgan was financing another company. By this time Schwab announced that he had made agreements with all companies to control the market. All the concerns operated under one sales agent and do so still, said Mr. Patterson. When an offer was subsequently received for the properties at 6 per cent. advance on the investment, the company sold out. He believed that if an export duty were put on nickel that it would result in refining in Canada. The combination, he believed, could be broken if any one was strong enough to put up a fight and if the duty was not removed.

## PUTTING KITCHENER'S SCHEME INTO FORCE

Premier Deakin Says It Will Make Defence Act More Effective

(Special to the Times.)  
Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 17.—Premier Deakin, in a speech here, stated that the military schemes which have been received from Lord Kitchener would make the Defence Act more effective. The scheme would begin to come into operation immediately, and the preliminary arrangements and appointments had already been made.  
The scheme was devised to prevent bloodshed and invasion, and to enable Australia to stand for herself in the Empire and to assist the Empire to stand against the world.  
CRITICIZED BY CITIZENS.  
Los Angeles League of Justice Reports on Affairs of Police Department.  
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 17.—The police commission, the city council and the civil service commission to-day received the printed report of the League of Justice concerning its investigation of the conduct of affairs of the local police department.  
The report scores the recent acts of a number of patrolmen who clubbed persons under arrest. The city prison was characterized as "filthy," and the entire system of police supervision declared to be wrong.

## PAYS PENALTY FOR MURDER OF EMPLOYER

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## CHAMBERLAIN TOTTERS INTO THE COMMONS

Dramatic Re-Appearance of Tariff Reform Leader on the Scene of Former Triumphs—Unable to Sign Roll.

(Times Leased Wire.)  
London, Feb. 17.—London is still



J. CHAMBERLAIN.

talking to-day of the unexpected appearance of Joseph Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday, his frame shrunken and his features ashen, while his trembling hand signed the membership roll.

Mr. Chamberlain walked with difficulty between his son, Austen Chamberlain and Lord Morpeth. He advanced to a front seat before the bench where the oath was administered. When the membership roll was placed before him for his signature, he requested the aid of Austen, who signed the name of his father while the latter added his mark.  
Still supported on either side, he moved to the speaker's chair and shook hands with Mr. Lowther, after which he made his way slowly from the chamber, within which so many stirring episodes of his life have occurred.

## REMOVAL OF GERMAN SURTAX

Views of London Press on Agreement

Large Increase in Trade With the Dominion is Predicted

(Special to the Times.)  
London, Feb. 17.—Under the heading "Canada cannot wait," the Daily Mail devotes an editorial to the German-Canadian treaty which elsewhere it observes is a blow to British trade, and says there is good reason to believe that the Dominion government waited to see the issue of the struggle for tariff reform in England before taking the step for the removal of the surtax. It will be bad news for Yorkshire and Lancashire, but so long as the people of this country refuse to make tariff agreements with states of the Empire they cannot complain, concludes the Mail.  
The Standard, referring to the possibility of further negotiations between Canada and Germany, relies on the sagacity of Canadian statesmen to see that tariff reform cannot be delayed much longer. It adds that it would create an uneasy feeling in London financial circles if the Dominion were to complain now that Germany has abandoned her rather high-handed methods.  
The Standard's Berlin correspondent is likely to affect Canadian imports from Britain considerably. Germany will increase Canadian and German commercial travelers will sell goods under cost until an inroad has been made on the trade with Britain. Germany hopes in the course of time even to be able to persuade Canada to discontinue her preferential treatment with Britain. A vast scheme will be developed to woo Canada by devoting German capital towards the development of mines and industries in the Dominion and by increasing German immigration to Canada, where representatives of the German race already number nearly half a million. A severe blow is likely in the near future to be dealt to British shipping trade with Canada, as large German shipping companies are maturing plans for a regular line of fast steamships to carry emigrants and goods to Canada and thus break the monopoly now held by British. Canadian exports to Germany are likely also to show a large increase.  
German View.  
Berlin, Feb. 17.—The liveliest satisfaction is expressed here over the German-Canadian agreement. The Berliner Tageblatt says the new agreement, which is surely the beginning of an extraordinary rejuvenation of mutual trade relations, deserves to be greeted most warmly.  
Aids to Peace.  
Toronto, Feb. 17.—Interviewed on the announcement of the removal of the German surtax, W. R. Brock, of the wholesale drygoods firm of W. R. Brock & Co., said: "I think such agreements between countries as this completed with Germany, are a greater guarantee of peace than all the money spent upon armaments."

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## FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION

FIVE MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

Over Score of Others Sustain Injuries and Several May Die

(Times Leased Wire.)  
San Leandro, Cal., Feb. 17.—With five men missing, fourteen known to be seriously injured and a score slightly injured as a result of the terrific explosion at the Trojan Powder Works at Roberts Landing, hundreds of volunteers are working desperately this afternoon to prevent the fire from spreading to other magazines which are nearby.  
The injured were conveyed to the county hospital in wagons, automobiles and some were taken on a train which was stopped near the scene of the damage.  
The force of the explosion was so great that hundreds of persons who were in the vicinity were stunned, and it was several minutes before anyone was able to discover the extent of the damage.  
The buildings in the immediate vicinity of the explosion were shattered and fire which immediately broke out, soon was burning fiercely, emitting a great deal of black smoke that could be seen for miles. Many windows in this town and for several miles in every direction from the powder plant were shattered.  
A large force of men and some women were at work in the plant at the time of the accident, and the confusion that followed was so great that it was impossible for the officials to form any accurate estimate of the number of those injured.  
The four men who are missing were believed this afternoon to have been in one of the buildings which was destroyed.  
The first injured taken from the blazing buildings were maimed and burned. Several were found hundreds of yards from the works, having been hurled by the force of the explosion. It was stated at the hospital this afternoon that all of the injured brought there were in a critical condition, and it was practically certain that between five and ten were fatally burned.  
The disaster was caused by the explosion of a boiler, and the concussion resulted in a series of explosions in the different buildings of the plant.  
G. C. Goulding, who is fatally injured, is an Englishman. He was employed as a powder mixer at the Trojan works. H. Onrad, also fatally injured, was a laborer.  
There were 45 employees in the works when the explosion occurred.  
At 1.30 o'clock this afternoon the flames were burning furiously. Eighteen tons of explosive were stored in one building, and because of this the fire fighters were unable to get close enough to the flames to do effective work.  
Eight girls who were employed in the offices escaped uninjured.  
Felt at Palo Alto.  
Palo Alto, Cal., Feb. 17.—It is believed here that a shock which was believed to be an earthquake, this morning, in the classes being dismissed here to-day, was caused by the powder explosion at the Trojan Powder Works.

## MAD DOG AT LARGE.

London, Ont., Feb. 17.—A mad dog which came into the village of Dashwood, six miles from Exeter, this morning, bit about 30 dogs and many horses and cows before it was killed. Government inspectors have hurried to Dashwood and will quarantine all animals bitten.



ARMY TROOPS  
LARGE SOCIALISTS  
INJURED IN  
HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTS  
and Mounted Men Are Engaged in Breaking Up Street Demonstrations

(Times Leased Wire.)  
In, Feb. 16.—Socialists and sympathizers who gathered in the streets of London to-day and refused to disperse at the orders of the military charged by the troops and were taken to hospitals suffering from wounds.  
Soldiers, sent to break up the demonstrations, charged fixed bayonets into compact groups of men who were unable, owing to the crowded streets, to escape the hands of the troops.  
Men at bay by their very numbers, they turned on the soldiers and to hand conflicts raged in the streets. Cavalry was used to break up the fighting hordes and only by the use of sabres and trampled the horses' hoofs or slashed with sabres did the Socialists break and run in doorways, courts and alleys.  
Some taken to the hospitals were suffering from terrible mutilations, others of the victims lost ears, noses or limbs from the sabre slashes. Heads laid open and deep stab wounds inflicted. Many of the injured are in a precarious condition, and several may die.  
A toll of blood paid by the Socialists was emphasized by the protest delegates when the Prussian franchise bill was adopted. Following the adoption of the franchise bill, the rioting by Socialists occurred in various parts of the empire.  
Petitions were received here from to-day stating that no less than 100,000 took place there when the petitioners to disperse mass meetings of Socialists gathered to protest at the franchise bill.  
Disorders to-day are an aftermath of more than fifty riots throughout the country last Sunday. Orders were given to the commanders of regiments throughout Germany to be themselves in readiness for active duty and it is believed that if the disorders increase, troops may supplement the work of maintaining order.

Emperor's palace has been guarded and light artillery is near in case of emergency. Sewerage works were placed near the palace Sunday when the riots were at their height. Later the artillery was withdrawn, but is being held within reach of the Kaiserhof.

NEW TRAIN TO CHICAGO.  
Wash., Feb. 16.—The local office of Oregon & Washington railroad confirmed the report that the Harrington system will run its first train from Seattle to Chicago within the next few weeks.  
Routing of the new service will be as follows: Seattle to Portland over the Oregon & Washington; Portland to Pennington, O. R. & N.; Pennington to Astoria over the Oregon Short Line; Astoria to Chicago over the Union Pacific; and from Chicago to the West.

OF ATTACKS  
ON THE JAPANESE  
ments of Tokio Newspaper  
Hayes Bill Now Before Congress

Feb. 16.—"We are tired of the Japанизation of American politics," declared the Asahi to-day in an editorial, which is typical of the editorial comment upon the Hayes bill in Japanese America.  
The question of the naturalization of Japanese in America is one of the most important matters of the present time," continued the Asahi. "Time is spent for Japan to take a step toward co-operation with the elements of America, such as represented by former President Roosevelt. It is time for this country to begin negotiations with the class of Americans looking toward the legislation of Japanese naturalization.  
Naturalization will be the permanent solution of the problem. The Japanese in America should become Americans. Such attacks as that made in the Japanese in the Hayes bill are being wearisome. They are inspired by the lower element in America, time for Japan to act."  
Asahi is one of the leading newspapers of Japan and has a wide influence. Since the report was published here, that a congressional committee had reported favorably upon the Hayes bill, the papers have been busy in their expressions of indignation.  
Reported Favorably.  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The expansion bill introduced in the house of representatives by Representative of California, has been reported favorably by the committee on immigration.

The clause reads: "To exclude persons who under the provisions of the naturalization laws of the United States are ineligible to become citizens of the United States unless they are merchants, teachers, students or travellers of good character and of good reputation, and who are not directly or indirectly in the employ of any foreign government, or of any foreign power, or of any foreign corporation, or of any foreign individual."  
The bill is general in its character, referring directly to Asiatics as they are the only people now not eligible for citizenship.

COUNCIL SHES  
AT AGREEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
REPORT IS REJECTED

Some Members of Aldermanic Board Scent a Conspiracy

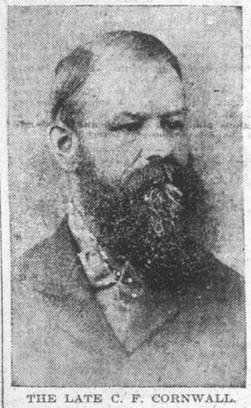
(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
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Agreement between the corporation of the city of Victoria (hereinafter termed "the city") of the one part, and the corporation of the district of Oak Bay (hereinafter termed "the district") of the other part.  
Whereas, by agreement between the parties of the 5th of March, 1909, the district is to be supplied by the city with its proportion of the existing supply of water until such time as the city obtains an improved system, and water to be supplied in bulk at a price not to exceed 20 cents per thousand gallons, and when the city proposes an improved system the price is to be readjusted.  
And whereas, the district is by a bill presented to the legislative assembly seeking certain powers set forth in section 2 and subsections 2 and 3 of section 3 and section 4, and it has been arranged that upon the city giving the declaration hereinafter contained, the said section and subsections of the said bill shall be withdrawn therefrom.  
Now it is hereby declared, consented and promised by the city and with the district as follows:  
1. As from the 1st of March, 1910, 200,000 gallons of water shall be supplied to the district in bulk at the prices following:  
For each thousand gallons up to 1,000,000 gallons, at the rate of 10c.  
For each thousand gallons, when the daily supply shall exceed 1,000,000 gallons, and up to 5,000,000 gallons, at the rate of 12c.  
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Ald. Langley, chairman of the legislative committee, explaining the intent of the agreement, reminded the board that he had been instructed to the committee at the last meeting of the council, when the matter first came up. They had been asked to oppose those sections of the bill which provided for the laying of water pipes through the city. The committee had met with a committee of the Oak Bay council, and to the credit of the mayor of the Esquimalt Waterworks company, the difficulty which had been embodied in the agreement now before them. He personally believed the proposed arrangement an excellent one. The city had everything to win and nothing to lose.  
Ald. Raymond was opposed to the agreement. He thought it most unwise to bind the city not to oppose any legislation in such a way as proposed.  
Ald. Mable was very indignant at the action of the legislative committee in asking the council to pass any such agreement. He would oppose it tooth and nail, and saw the fine Italian hand of the Esquimalt Waterworks company in the scheme.  
Ald. Fullerton was also opposed and he pointed out that Oak Bay had been treated in pretty generous fashion in the past and had no kick coming.  
He was in favor of the agreement, but he reminded the members of the board that to turn the agreement down would simply have the effect of giving the Esquimalt Waterworks Company a monopoly in the district.  
Ald. McKeown thought the agreement was all right and he said he would not share the fears which seemed to be held by some of his fellow Aldermen.  
Mayor Morley left the chair and at some length entered into a defence of the provisions of the bill. In his opinion the matter was one of great importance. The committee had been organized by a desire to have the bill before the legislature stood over for one year, the right of Victoria to

supply Oak Bay with water preserved, and the laying of an additional line of pipes through the city postponed. All this had been accomplished in the agreement now before them, and he regretted to see the opposition which had been manifested.  
City Solicitor Mann also pointed out how important it was that the agreement should be passed.  
More discussion of a general sort followed, and then the motion to adopt the report was negatived on the following vote: Ayes, Aldermen Langley, Sargison, Bishop, McKeown and the mayor; nays, Aldermen Fullerton, Mable, Humber, Raymond and Ross. Though this was a tie his worship declared the motion lost, adding that he was sorry for the decision.

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FORMER LIEUT.-GOV.  
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Was Well Known Figure in the Early History of British Columbia

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Hon. C. F. Cornwall, who was lieutenant-governor of British Columbia from 1881 to 1886, and who during the course of a long residence in the province took a prominent part in the politics and commercial life of the country, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital this morning, the immediate cause of death being heart disease. He was 74 years of age. Mrs. Cornwall and four sons and a daughter survive him.  
The deceased pioneer and legislator had for a number of years past been a resident of Ashcroft district, where he had a fine ranch a short distance from the town. Some two years ago his health failing he removed to Victoria, on his retirement from the position of judge of Cariboo county court. Some few days ago he was ordered to the hospital and this morning his illness took a fatal turn. The remains will be forwarded to Ashcroft for interment.  
Deceased was born at Ashcroft, Gloucester, Eng., in the year 1836. He was



THE LATE C. F. CORNWALL.

the son of Rev. Alan Gardner Cornwall. His mother was the daughter of Thomas Kingscott, a family that is able to trace its descent in an unbroken line from the time of the Norman conquest in 1066.  
The late Mr. Cornwall received his primary education at private schools at Magdalene College, Cambridge, from which he graduated in 1858, taking his degree of Bachelor of Arts. Prior to his departure from England he was called to the bar by the honorable society of the Inner Temple in 1852. He arrived in British Columbia the same year and first visited the mining districts but took no active part in mining enterprises, devoting his efforts principally to stock-raising and his profession of law, and spending seasons at Wild Horse, Kootenay, French Creek and Big Bend as a practicing barrister.  
In the year 1854 when the first legislative assembly was created Mr. Cornwall was one of its most prominent and energetic members as representative of Hope-Yale-Lytton district, and occupied a similar position in subsequent years, being one of its members in the session of 1871 when this province joined the Canadian confederation. Immediately after confederation he was appointed a member of the Canadian Senate and occupied that position until he accepted the Lieutenant-Governorship of British Columbia in 1881. He occupied Government House until 1886.  
In 1884 Mr. Cornwall was appointed a Justice of the Peace for this province and served in that capacity until 1888. He was elevated to the bench as Judge of the County Court of Cariboo in 1888, and in the same year was appointed stipendiary magistrate. In 1891 he was appointed a senator of the University of British Columbia.  
He was married in 1871 to Charlotte, the third daughter of Rev. A. G. Penherton, rector of Kensal Green, London, England.  
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The robbers operated with surprising boldness and deliberation. They appeared in the city shortly after midnight and found William Kayle, a night watchman, on guard at the bank. Taking Kayle by surprise they seized him and bound and gagged him across the street to a garage building, where one of the robbers stood guard over him. The four men were approaching the bank when Albert Kerben, a citizen, attempted to interfere, but he was overpowered and bound. He then was placed in company with the night watchman.  
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Assistant Surgeon Carter, in charge of this quarantine district, received a wireless message from the Washington last night saying she was steering full speed ahead. The Washington is on her way from Honolulu to the Emerton drydock.

WIRELESS STATIONS.

Sydney, N. S. Feb. 15.—Signor Marconi is now at the Marconi station at Morien. Marconi stated that he expected to have his Glace Bay station open for commercial business for transmission across the continent and for transmission of wireless messages to inland points shortly. It has been decided to erect a station at Winnipeg. The erection of a number of small stations in the West Indies, he says, has been started.

NEW PARLIAMENT  
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London, Feb. 15.—After the hardest fought election the United Kingdom has ever known, the third parliament of King Edward's reign assembled at Westminster for the session's business at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Business thus far has been purely formal and four days will be occupied in no more sensational way than swearing in the members and effecting the usual organization.  
Though the Houses did not convene until 2 o'clock the doors were opened as usual at midnight and still through the early hours of the afternoon there was the customary rush of the 670 members of the Commons for the best, or in fact, for any at all of the 500



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ber, where John Ellis, a Liberal, formally arose and proposed that James Lowther be elected Speaker—a mere formality, inasmuch as the same Speaker is elected session after session regardless of politics, until, as usually happens, he retires to accept a peerage and a seat in the House of Lords. Speaker Lowther himself is now electing on his third term, having been elected under the Conservative administration of Premier Balfour which ended four years ago. Stuart Wortley, a Conservative, seconded Mr. Ellis' motion, and the proposition was unanimously carried. The House of Lords was informed of what had been done and the swearing in proceeded.  
Summoned again to the House of Lords at the opening of to-morrow's session, the Commons will hear from the lord chancellor of the King's approval of their choice of a Speaker. Returning to the lower chamber, the Speaker, as "first commoner of the realm," will announce from the chair that the King has confirmed his election, "and all the undoubted rights and provisions of his Majesty's most faithful," and again the swearing in will proceed.  
Technically, the session cannot be said to have begun until next Monday, when King Edward will open it in person and in full state.  
Government's Course.  
(Special to the Times.)

ORDERED TO  
ATTACK CAPITAL

INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO  
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Nicaraguan Troops Bombard Matagalpa, Now Held by Rebels

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Feb. 15.—(Wireless to Colon.)—Being ordered to General Lora to begin immediately by the long deferred attack upon Managua, a courier dispatched by Provisional President Estrada is hurrying toward Matagalpa to-day. Several orders were wired to the telegraph station nearest Matagalpa, where Chamorro lies.  
At this point it was entrusted to a courier. It was as follows: "Strike fast and hard."  
General Mena with 1,000 men is striking toward Matagalpa, which is being bombarded by the administration of General Lara, to relieve Chamorro.  
The rebel leaders are confident, however, that Chamorro would be able to hold the city despite the bombardment, or leave it, should he desire to do so.  
The fact that Mena was ordered to join forces with him even before the issuance of Estrada's order was taken to indicate that the commander-in-chief was planning an immediate attack upon the capital. A third revolutionary force is being mobilized in the vicinity of Santa Clara. Several hundred men are said to be in the camp, and ready to march at an hour's notice.  
It is believed Estrada's plans include the junction of this force with Chamorro's and Mena's commands near Managua.  
Mena is expected to arrive in the neighborhood within two days. It is generally believed here that Chamorro then will endeavor to abandon the city of Matagalpa and effect a junction with Mena, even though he be compelled to risk an attempt to cut through Lara's lines.

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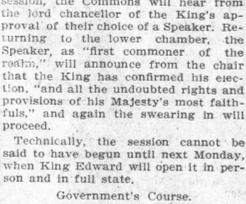
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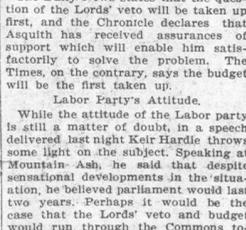
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GLAS STREETS

ESTATE DEALS

IN COMOX DISTRICT

Number of New Residences Being Erected—Brant Reported Plentiful

(Special Correspondence). Feb. 15.—A successful ball given by the Masons at Courtney 11th inst. About 50 couples at

Beadell has sold ten acres of his property at \$150 per acre. The user is Mr. Reid of Hornby, who is building a home here shortly.

Mr. Beadell and family, late of Duncan, arrived in the City of Nanaimo. Capt. Beadell to buy land here and is renting a house in the meantime.

Mr. Berwick of Victoria, has returned from a visit to Victoria to stumping machinery for use on new property on Black creek.

A meeting of the Comox Wharf Wharf Association it was decided to have a national office as resident should continue for one from the date of his appointment.

Mr. Manson was read for an estimate of the cost of necessary on the Little River. The secretary reported that the five considered the sum of \$4,000 to be necessary to put the River road in good order and fix the wharf.

Mr. Manson is building a residence on the lots on Catholic church street. H. Bradford is erecting a home on his property at Little River.

The shooting is exceptionally good season, especially on the north end of the island, where large bags are being daily made.

ADVERTISING LADYSMITH

Ladysmith Feb. 15.—At the last meeting of the Citizens League Secretary Wilson stated that he had received all communications with regard to the League would get advertising matter at once, to take the work of the secretary.

The matter should be attended to further delay. The question of what form the advertising should take was discussed.

It is believed that it would be well to letterheads and printed on the all available information concerning Ladysmith and district.

It is decided that a new committee be appointed to prepare the advertisement. The new committee will consist of Rev. G. M. Ambrose, the Dent and secretary of the League.

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PROVINCIAL SCOPE OF WORK

COUNCIL OF WOMEN DEAL WITH SUBJECT

Interesting Discussion at National Gathering Reported Upon by Mrs. Day

The monthly meeting of the Local Council of Women was held Monday in the city hall. There was a good attendance of delegates from affiliated societies.

In opening the meeting the president, Mrs. Cooper, explained the reasons why she had distributed the representation on the National Council as she did. In that way a greater number of local representatives were placed in touch with the National Council's work.

Letters from Mrs. Cummings supplying information asked for, and from Mrs. Tolter and from Mrs. Walker were read, and also one from Mrs. Day asking for the co-operation of the council of Victoria in making the provincial conference to be held in Vancouver a success. A committee consisting of members of the sub-executive and Mrs. Day with power to add to their number was appointed for the purpose of making all needed arrangements.

Mrs. Day presented a very interesting report upon the decision of the National Council of Women of Canada upon the matter referred to it by the Local Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island relative to the status and duties of the provincial vice-president as set forth in article 12, section "2," standing orders of the National Council of Women of Canada.

In the course of the report Mrs. Day said: "We were exceptionally fortunate in having as our presiding officer on that occasion Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, who was so well informed and clear upon the matter that no doubt could remain on anyone's mind as to what the original intention and purpose regarding this clause, of those who drew up with such care the constitution and standing orders of the National Council.

"In response to the request of this council as presented by me, Her Excellency after consulting with the national officers, said that it was certainly the duty of the provincial vice-president to organize new councils, as well as to visit and help the councils already existing in each province, and that the council in every way and by every means in her power. She also said that the original idea and intention when creating the office was to have a national officer in each province who would be more responsible to the National Council than to the Local Council, and that as there is no provincial vice-president as yet, the National Council is at her back to give support and authority when necessary.

"I then submitted the amendment suggested by your speaker, which was endorsed by Her Excellency and accepted by the council as a notice of motion of amendment for the annual meeting of 1910. Her Excellency highly commended the entire report and asked me to give a copy of it to the recording secretary which could be embodied in the official minutes for future reference, adding that the duties of the provincial vice-president as at present outlined in the standing orders were intended to mean all that we suggested in our amendment.

"I am then pleased to draw attention to the fact that though these duties were now clearly defined no financial provision had ever been made for carrying them out.

"The question of how this question elicited very full discussion in which almost every council represented joined, after which Her Excellency said that as it was now very clear that neither the national nor the local councils were in a position to assist financially in provincial work a special fund for organization throughout the Dominion was started, and she would head the list by contributing \$100 a year, as long as the council needed this assistance.

"Her Excellency's generous offer was met with hearty appreciation and other contributions annually for five years were quickly promised towards the fund which is to be controlled by the national executive, while each provincial vice-president is to present her annual report shall give the general outlook accompanying it with an application for the necessary funds required for organizing new councils in her province. The application will be considered by the executive, and if advisable receive its sanction. Thus all organization work must be undertaken by the provincial vice-president unless in order to save expense the national executive, upon consideration of her annual report, deems it advisable to empower another officer of the National Council to organize the officers of the Local Council nearest the district, city or town where such organization is desired.

"As the organization of new councils is only part of the duties of the provincial vice-president, I further asked how the travelling and other expenses, visiting and helping councils already existing and attending the annual meeting of the National Council pointing out that in a province like British Columbia where the distances are so great from one point to another, the travelling expenses are proportionately heavy, whereas it is almost an impossibility for the province even, much less the councils, to be directly represented at the national annual meeting, and quite impossible for delegates ever to attend a national executive meeting, unless they are in a position to pay their own expenses, this being one of the most serious drawbacks which we have to contend with.

"After very full discussion it was decided that an effort must be made to meet the provincial expenses outside the council's altogether, and that for the present the method of raising the money for carrying on provincial work should be from organization must be left

PLENTY OF WATER FOR ALL

MAYOR'S ASSURANCE TO OAK BAY CITIZENS

Private Bill Laid Over Till Monday to Permit of Conference

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Owing to the tie vote in council last night on the subject of the agreement with Oak Bay the sections of the bill which the latter municipality has before the legislature were not taken up by the private bill committee this morning.

On the assurance of Mayor Morley that the city council would deal with the matter at the special meeting on Thursday evening, and that an amicable arrangement was more than probable, the committee decided to take these sections up Tuesday morning next.

The mayor assured the committee that Victoria has no desire to jeopardize the passage of the bill at this session, while Chairman Ross stated that the committee was there to transact public business, no matter how long it took. As Monday next is the last day for presenting reports on private bills the time will be extended.

Mayor Morley and Acting City Solicitor Mann were present on behalf of the city. E. V. Bodwell, K. C.; H. G. Lawson, W. E. Oliver, Councilors Newton and Sproule, and J. S. Floyd, municipal clerk, represented Oak Bay.

Mr. Mann explained that the draft section a joint committee representing the city and Oak Bay had agreed to yesterday afternoon had only come before the members of the council late in the afternoon, and there was not time to consider it carefully before they were called upon to vote on it, hence it would be necessary to have more time.

Mayor Morley told the committee that so far as Oak Bay and the city were concerned they understood each other very well, and on both sides there would be no difficulty in arriving at an amicable arrangement. The only excuse the municipality had in coming to the legislature with the proposals to which exception was taken by the city was a certain amount of uncertainty which had existed as to the city's participation in the development of new supply of water. Oak Bay was well aware that this subject was being dealt with this year by a committee of citizens in co-operation with the council, and in such a way that there was little doubt in the mind of any citizen of Victoria or Oak Bay that the matter would be settled definitely this year.

All Oak Bay asked was that there should be an assurance that there would be an adequate supply of water both for the city and that municipality. As a matter of fact Oak Bay only took some 60,000 gallons a day, or about \$10 worth, and he did not think they were justified in asking for the assurance they were beyond obtaining the assurance he mentioned, that they should not get short of an adequate supply at reasonable rates. Through a mistake the city was charged with them more for water than it should in the interest of both communities. The mayor gave the assurance on the part of Victoria that it was doing everything to assure all concerned of an adequate supply of water, and that meanwhile Oak Bay would get all the water it needed at practically the same price that they could supply themselves under the arrangement they wanted the legislature to provide for. There was no doubt that the two municipalities would be able to arrive at an amicable arrangement if a short delay was permitted, and if Victoria did not make good Oak Bay could come to the legislature next year, when the city would not stand in their way.

Mr. Bodwell had no objection to a delay being granted so as to permit the city council to consider the proposed clause. He pointed out that Oak Bay council had ratified the clause so far as it was concerned.

Tuesday was fixed for the further hearing and the committee took up the non-contentious clauses of the bill, which dealt with the main with local improvement provisions.

An amendment to these, based on the Ontario act, was adopted, permitting of the assessment of cost according to the proportion of benefit derived instead of on a frontage basis.

By-laws affecting works where part of the cost is to be borne by the municipality must be submitted to the people as to the municipality's part of the cost, but where the whole cost is assessed against the proprietors interested by-law will be passed without submission. Debenure by-laws must be submitted to the ratepayers.

Before this bill was taken up the committee passed the bill incorporating the B. C. Packers' Association, for which Charles Wilson, K. C., appeared.

The railway committee this morning took up the Comox Logging and Railway Company's incorporation bill, which was opposed by R. T. Elliott, K. C., on behalf of the British-American Timber Company. They claim that the company is seeking too wide powers and that these would interfere with their rights.

COMMITTS SUICIDE. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15.—The coroner is searching to-day for a possible motive for the strange suicide of John Morris, a restaurant man, who sold his interest in a safe, bought a revolver with a part of the money, left a call at a hotel for 6 o'clock, and was found dead, a bullet hole through his head.

Several months ago, Morris and two other Greeks bought the Butte cafe, and it is said made money on it. Yesterday he sold his interest and threw former partners he was going to have some photographs taken and sent to his parents in Greece. Later he returned, and throwing his arms about the partner's neck, kissed him goodbye, saying he was going to another city. Beside the body was a new revolver with one cartridge expended.

TRAFFIC INCREASE. London, Feb. 15.—The signing of the Franco-Canadian commercial treaty is expected to result in such an increase of traffic between France and Canada that the Allan line has chartered the steamer Lake Erie from the Canadian Pacific for the Havre-Montreal service.

GIRL BITTEN BY DOG. Five Animals Killed in London as Result of Rabies Alarm.

London, Ont., Feb. 15.—Five dogs were shot by the police as a result of the rabies alarm. One unprovokedly attacked by the rabies was clubbed to death on Talbot street, near the G.T.R.R. tracks by Detective Downes with the crossing watchman's stick when the officer's cartridge ran out. Dr. Dent, district inspector, states that its head will be sent to Ottawa to be destroyed.

When Downes threw his revolver at the first one during the chase it picked up the weapon and bit it. Beryl Jewell, city auditor, was bitten at noon by a dog which has not been located. The father took her to the Pasteur Institute at New York on the midnight train.

The Dennis wife and iron works here have turned out 6,000 muzzles in ten days and are busy on 8,000 more.

PIONEER DEAD. Lillooet Feb. 14.—The death occurred recently of Nat Coughlan who was one of the first prospectors of Bridge River and came into the Lillooet district some twelve years ago. He was a native of Nova Scotia and was about 45 years of age. Coughlan was third owner of the Lorne Group at the time of his death.

REVIVAL CAMPAIGN. Bladworth, Sask., Feb. 15.—Citizens of this village have taken hold with a will of the revival campaign started recently. Not only are nightly services being held, but it is announced that tomorrow afternoon all stores will close and citizens will attend divine worship in a body.

PROMPT FREIGHT DELIVERY WANTED

Ten Days to Vancouver Over the E. & N. Route is Objected To

Owing to the continuous delay of cars between Victoria and Vancouver, instances of ten days elapsing between shipment and delivery, having been reported to the Board of Trade, the board has decided to establish a record of all shipments and deliveries so that the members of the Board of Trade may be in touch with the exact situation and see what can be done to remedy delays.

Monday afternoon the railway committee of the board met H. E. Beasley, superintendent of the E. & N. railway, and discussed the matter. Mr. Beasley reported that he had the matter enquired into and found that the delay did not occur on the Island. He was shown the shipping board of January 25th reached Vancouver as follows: February 3rd, and another car shipped February 4th reached its destination on the 14th instant.

For the next day the merchants of the city who are shipping to Vancouver via the E. & N., and those in Vancouver shipping over the same route to Victoria have been requested to notify the Victoria Board of Trade of the dates of shipment and delivery, so that the matter can be recorded for future reference and again taken up with the railway company.

Merchants complain that the delays mean loss of time and money and want the fullest use made of the plan offered by the Board of Trade to record shipment and arrival dates.

ERRORS RESULT IN RAILWAY WRECK

Three Employees Suspended Pending Investigation Into Collision

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 15.—A combination of errors resulted in the collision between two suburban trains on the Key route mole last Saturday is given today as the cause for the suspension of three Key route Railway employees.

The three men suspended are Motorman B. C. Ellis, of the Berkeley train, which crashed into the rear coach of the Oakland train, injuring a score of passengers; Towerman, Stark and Flagman W. G. McAdams. The block system which failed just before the wreck, has been operating by the Key route for more than six years without an accident heretofore. The system has been operated under a manual interlocking plan and Towerman Stark was suspended for neglecting to drop interlocking signals clearing the right of way for the Oakland train. Had the Oakland train been allowed to proceed the Berkeley train would not have been derailed.

The company officials, however, are only pending the most complete investigation possible, and all witnesses who may desire to appear before the officials will be given an opportunity to be heard. When the company men under suspension will either be reinstated or discharged, according to the evidence.

NEW WESTMINSTER TO HAVE Y. M. C. A.

Site for Building Donated and Effort Will Be Made to Raise \$30,000

New Westminster, Feb. 14.—An enthusiastic meeting was held in the city hall to-day to consider the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. in this city. The project was reported as being received with great favor by business men in all parts of the city and the attendance, particularly of young men, was large. March 10th is suggested as the date when the canvass for the raising of funds for the purpose will be commenced and in the meantime various committees will be appointed and everything prepared for an energetic campaign.

Rev. J. S. Henderson, who occupied the chair, presented a report on behalf of the committee dealing with the formation of a Y. M. C. A. in its initial stages. The report called forth considerable discussion, but was finally accepted. It provided for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building on the lot donated by T. J. Trapp on Royal avenue, near Sixth street. For this purpose it was decided that at least \$30,000 would be required. The committee of seven was empowered to add seven others to carry on the preliminary work.

The question of a site raised considerable discussion. When the matter was considered from all sides, the majority was in favor of the site on Royal avenue as being ideal in every way. As it is the intention to have a large basement for a swimming tank, bowling alleys, billiard room and shower baths, without the necessity of much excavating work. The proposed building will be made modern in every particular and will include some thirty dormitories for the accommodation of young men, which should yield the association a handsome monthly rental.

When the question of the amount required was brought up for discussion several of those present thought \$50,000 might easily be raised in a city of this size and importance. It was finally decided to aim at \$30,000 and \$50,000 if possible.

Rev. Mr. Henderson said he had approached a number of men who had been promised to donate to the Y. M. C. A., and in nearly every case they had said that they would give from two to five times as much now as they could have afforded then. Consequently he had buried the old list and a new one would be started.

The Central Y. M. C. A. committee for Canada will send out a representative to assist in the work and an effort will be made to raise the funds required in seven days.

SEATTLE'S SKYSCRAPER

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15.—The owners of the new nine-story Leary building at Second and Madison streets, to-day confirmed the report that they are planning to add 15 stories to the building, giving Seattle the highest structure on the coast. Work is to start in June or July. The foundations of the building were built to carry 20 stories.

D. D. ENGLAND HAS RESIGNED

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT TROWS UP OFFICE

Monday the resignation of D. D. England, parks superintendent, was received by the council and accepted, the same to take effect March 1st.

In the communication announcing this step, which the parks superintendent forwarded to the council, it was stated that he had been considering the step for some time, as the remuneration offered by the city was not sufficient. He has accepted a partnership in an old established business in Vancouver and his operations will extend to Victoria where he will be able to take the same deep interest in the parks work here as of yore, and would always be pleased to do all he can to assist his successor.

A letter was read from the assistant city engineer, G. H. Bryson, in which that official pointed out that professional etiquette would debar him from making a report on the condition of the Smith's Hill reservoir until such time as Mr. Adams had formally terminated his connection with the city of the council had passed a resolution terminating those services.

Ald. Fullerton said these repeated references to "professional" etiquette made him tired. It was a lot of "rot." Ald. Langley on being informed that Mr. Adams was in no way connected with the service of the city presented a formal resolution to the effect that his services be terminated forthwith—this to satisfy those who feared to commit a breach of professional etiquette. This motion was carried unanimously and Mr. Bryson will be asked to make a report at once.

The report of the streets committee recommending the erection of a building for the impounding of cattle and dogs in the Market building yard was adopted. In this connection a protest against the move was read from J. James Feilbeck, James Forman and Moses Cotsworth. Mayor Morley pointed out that the petitioners were apparently acting under a misapprehension, as it had never been suggested that the pound should be located in the building. The yard was the place at which it was intended to locate the pound.

YORK GOVERNOR MAY FORCE INQUIRY

General Investigation Likely Into Alleged Bribery of Legislators

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Intense interest is manifested here in the expressed possibility of a general investigation of the state legislature in connection with alleged bribery.

The senate's investigation so far has been confined to the trial of Majority Leader John P. Aldie upon charges of accepting a bribe of \$1,000 in 1901 to kill a highway bill.

It is rumored that Governor Hughes intends to drive out of politics in this state any man who can prove to have been connected with the alleged bribery of the legislature.

It is understood that the governor hopes that the statute of limitations will not prevent criminal prosecutions in case evidence of corruption is revealed.

CARNEGIE AND PARTY IN RAILWAY WRECK

Several Persons Injured When Train Runs Into Private Car

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—Andrew Carnegie and the members of the party which he had invited to lunch at the Morfitts are considerably bruised as the result of an accident in the local yards of the Pennsylvania railroad. The party for dinner which their train was struck by an incoming train. They were in the private car Olivet, which will carry them to the Pacific coast.

Every person in the car was thrown to the floor and several of them received painful cuts and bruises. The engine of the incoming train struck the Olivet directly opposite the window at which Carnegie was sitting.

D. M. Rogers left last evening on a fortnight's trip as far East as Winnipeg.

WATER RIGHTS IN RAILWAY BELT

Decision of Supreme Court of Canada in B. C. Appeal Case

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—In the Burrard Company and the Attorney-General of British Columbia vs. the King, an exchequer appeal, the Supreme Court today dismissed the appeal and allowed the cross appeal.

The company and the Attorney-General appealed from a judgment of the Exchequer Court, declaring that a grant by the water commissioners of New Westminster to a power company of a record of 25,000 inches of water out of Lillooet lakes and river was invalid on account of being an interference with the rights of the Dominion and not subject to local legislation respecting water records. The Attorney-General of Canada cross appealed against a part of the decision of the Exchequer Court judges by which he held that Lillooet river was not a public navigable river.

The questions raised involved the construction of the terms of the grant of lands by British Columbia to the Dominion at the time of union, in aid of the Canadian Pacific railway.

The Supreme Court in this morning upheld the ruling of the Railway Commission that the C.P.R. and G.T.R. must build a viaduct along the esplanade at Toronto.

DEBATE ON NAVAL BILL IN COMMONS

E. M. Macdonald Upholds the Policy of the Dominion Government

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—In the Commons this afternoon P. D. Monk presented a petition from his constituency praying for a plebiscite on the naval question before any definite action is taken by the government.

E. M. Macdonald, continuing the debate on the second reading of the naval bill, declared the government's policy was the natural outcome of the progress of the Dominion towards nationhood. A naval college and naval vessels would be built in Canada and young Canadians would be trained to fight the battles both of Canada and of the Empire. But the opposition proposed instead a policy of hiring British seamen to fight battles for us. Men who in former years had said that if the policy of protection interfered with British connection then so much worse for British connection, were now the men who were charging disloyalty on the part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

ALLEGED MERGER. Vice-President of Southern Pacific Gives Evidence in Suit Brought by U. S. Government.

New York, Feb. 15.—John Stubbs, vice-president of the Southern Pacific, gave a witness to-day in a government's suit to dissolve the so-called Union Pacific merger which was resumed before Special Commissioner Williams at the customs house.

Stubbs admitted on the stand that the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads have more to say about establishing rates on the Pacific coast than does the Santa Fe.

The suit brought by the government is one in equity. It was instituted at Salt Lake City by former Attorney-General Boppart. In it the government is being represented by Chief Trust Buster, Frank B. Kellogg.

TWO HUNDRED PERSONS REPORTED DROWNED

Vessels Founder During Storm on the Persian Gulf

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—The Russ to-day prints a dispatch from Terebinth, Persia, stating that 200 passengers and the members of the crews of two unnamed steamers have been drowned when the vessels founder in a storm on the Persian gulf.

The dispatch states that a merchant steamer also went down.

The vessels were bound from Bushire to Bandarrig.

ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO RAISE COAL PRICES

Officials of Nova Scotia Companies Are Committed for Trial

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 15.—Stipendiary Fielding to-day decided to commit for trial Alexander Dick, sales agent of the Dominion Coal Company, and J. A. Cowans, of Springfield, coal mines, on charges of conspiracy to enhance the prices of coal. Bail was fixed at \$2,000 each.

The charge against James Ross, former president of the Dominion Coal Company, was dismissed.

INSURANCE BILL

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Hadley Fisk, vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, before the senate banking and commerce committee today opposed the principle of the insurance bill, which makes \$1,000 the unit of insurance.

UPHOLD COUNTY COURT DECISION

JUDGE LAMPMAN IS SUSTAINED AT OTTAWA

Final Verdict in Victoria Case of Crompton vs. B. C. Electric Company

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The Supreme Court to-day handed down judgments in three British Columbia cases. In B. C. Electric Railway Company, Ltd. vs. Crompton, the appeal was allowed, and the action was dismissed with costs. In Burrard Power Company vs. the King, the appeal was dismissed with costs.

In the case of Travis vs. Breckenridge, the appeal was allowed with costs.

The case of Crompton vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company, Limited, has been somewhat prominent before the public for some time—being originally tried in the county court before His Honor Judge Lampman and a jury, when a verdict of \$4,000 was given against the company. Crompton having received an electric shock burning his arm when engaged in sawing wood in the cellar of his mother's house, his lawsuit against the company was started. The county court judge held that as the action was not brought within the six months the action should be dismissed which was the order of the county court.

Mr. Allman, the counsel for the plaintiff, Crompton, appealed to the Full court and that court, consisting of Chief Justice Hunter (who dissented), Mr. Justice Giesbrecht and Mr. Justice Irvine, and Mr. Justice Clement held that the company could not be operating under the Consolidated Railway Company's name—be given the benefit of the immunity of six months.

The company appealed to the Supreme court at Ottawa. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., arguing the appeal for the company and Travers Lewis, K. C., for Crompton, and today the appeal of the company was allowed with costs, two of the judges of that court dissenting.

In the result the company succeeds and the judgment of Judge Lampman and the chief justice of British Columbia are sustained.

PROTECTING FOREST RESERVES IN WEST

Large Patrols Will Work Along the Transcontinental Railway

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The Dominion government is taking steps to protect its forest reserves along the lines of the transcontinental railway in the west, and next month several large patrols will be sent to work along the line in the northern part of the provinces, while other patrols will look after the forests along the great waterways of Alberta as far north as Fort McMurray.

RAILWAY BILL REPORTED

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The railway committee of the Commons this morning reported without amendment the bill to incorporate the London & Lake Erie Railroad and Transportation Company, despite a strong protest from a deputation of Lord's Day Alliance against a clause in the bill which gives the company the right to run Sunday cars. The deputation claimed that the company was evading the Lord's Day Sunday laws by making the railway an international one, through putting a couple of boats on between Port Stanley and Cleveland, Ohio.

MEDAL, BUT NO PROMOTION

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—The House committee on naval affairs to-day decided to recommend that Commander Robert E. Peary be given a medal and the thanks of Congress for his polar discoveries, instead of being made a rear-admiral in accordance with a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Hale, of Maine.

LEGISLATURE OPENED

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Feb. 15.—The Legislature opened this afternoon. The speech from the throne referred to the appointment of an immigration agent to solicit farmers to settle on the experimental farm at the disposal of the Dominion department of agriculture. It also referred to the annual value of agricultural products of the Island as estimated at \$10,000,000.

WILL BE ARRESTED

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 15.—A warrant was issued to-day for the arrest of State Printer Mark Slater. He is accused of certifying false vouchers in connection with payments for bindery supplies for state printing. The specific charge involves \$25,000.

Ernest Holdsworth entered the lions' cage of a traveling menagerie at Seaside, Cheshire, and after witnessing the lion and lioness, enjoyed a cigar and a glass of champagne, and nailed an election address at the back of the cage.



WAY BILL  
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PRECEDING MEASURE  
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Reply to Question From  
Opposition

February 15th, following upon the passing of the budget and the passing of at least some supply bills, the measure of the session expected.

BRIEF LOCALS

Brothers, Tacoma, will send you a copy of their famous P. L. Soap, if you mention this paper.

LIQUOR LAW IS  
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Legislative Press Gallery, February 14. St. Valentine did not overlook the members of the legislative assembly today, but it was on the comic side.

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The report of the Oak Bay water committee presenting the estimates for the coming year showed that at the present rate for water the deficit would be \$2,000 which would have to be provided out of general revenue.

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS, featuring a circular logo and text describing the medicine's benefits for kidney ailments.

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REMINDER WAS UNPLEASANT

ATTORNEY-GENERAL WAS QUIZZED ON NATAL ACT

House Records Appreciation of Late C. F. Cornwall—Companies Act

The greater part of the afternoon was taken up with the consideration in committee of the act revising and consolidating the Companies Act, a rather "slow" proceeding so far as spectators were concerned. The bill is simply a consolidation and for the most part the reading of the sections one by one was a mere formality. It is to H. H. Watson (Vancouver), that the task of reading through the 140 pages of the bill has fallen, and he was the recipient of much good-natured chaff when the Speaker named him.

The only incident which enlivened the dullness of the proceedings was a little passage between the attorney-general and Mr. Hawthorthwaite, when the latter reminded Mr. Bowser of his famous Natal Act, in which the omission of the small word "not" would have meant a legalizing of Japanese immigration if it had ever been assented to. Mr. Bowser did not like the reference a bit, and retorted on the member for Nanaimo that he, as representing labor, had let the bill go through the House.

Prayers were read to-day by Rev. H. A. Collison. The Late Judge Cornwall. At the opening of the proceedings Premier McBride made reference to the death of Hon. C. F. Cornwall, a former lieutenant-governor of the province. He said: "I would like on behalf of the legislative assembly of British Columbia to express to the widow and family of the late lieutenant-governor, Hon. C. F. Cornwall, our very deep sympathy in the loss they have just been called on to sustain. The late governor was one of the pioneers of this country. He came to the province in the early days and soon took a very prominent part in its public affairs. So far as I can ascertain he was connected with some of the earlier parliaments of British Columbia, and as a member was a very useful man indeed. In addition to his political duties, the late governor was a very prominent legal practitioner and later, for some years, he occupied a seat on the bench with much honor. He had very heavy investments in the interior of the province. I am quite certain that the country will join with us in this expression, and that the career of the late governor will live long in the annals of British Columbia."

It was ordered that this expression of sympathy should be entered in the minutes of the House. The Companies' Act. Some fifty sections of the bulky bill consolidating the Companies' Act were passed in committee, for the greater part without comment. Mr. Hawthorthwaite wanted companies compelled to publish once a year in the British Columbia Gazette a statement showing the amount of its capitalization, paid-up capital, average number of employees and average wage paid, average number of Orientals employed, what work they are at and what average wage is paid, the gross assets, dividends paid and amount of reserve fund. The investigating public, he held, was entitled to this information.

The attorney-general replied to this demand for information by saying that could be easily obtained now and as to the labor statistics he did not see what good would be done by their publication. Orientals were in the province and had certain rights. Mr. Hawthorthwaite remarked that he thought the attorney-general looked what good would be done by their publication. Orientals were in the province and had certain rights. Mr. Hawthorthwaite broke in. Mr. Bowser went on to say that the bill had never been assented to by the lieutenant-governor and no never became law. It would have made no difference, as it turned out, even if the "not" had been in. The only way to assist white labor was to bring in a bill preventing the employment of Orientals, and then it would be a question whether this would be constitutional.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Hawthorthwaite urged that the information which the amendment called for was just what the public generally and investors in particular, required. A. E. McPhillips, K.C., thought the religious beliefs of workmen might as well be called for as some of the other things Mr. Hawthorthwaite wanted.

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INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED BRIBERY URGED

Resolution is Introduced in the New York State Senate

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 16.—A resolution introduced by Senator J. A. Mayhew sweeping investigation of the alleged corruption in the New York legislature during the last ten years and is believed here to have been drawn with the aid and suggestion of Governor Hughes.

The scandal that has developed from the trial of Majority Leader Jotham P. Aldis in the senate upon the charge of accepting \$1,000 to kill a bill, has started a widespread movement. The investigation under the terms of the resolution is to be conducted by a committee to be composed of three senators and five assemblymen.

Charge Against Aldis. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The lid was pried off the legislative bribery scandal yesterday in the inquiry being conducted by the senate into Senator Ben Conger's charge that Senator Aldis accepted a thousand dollar bribe from an agent of the American Bridge Co.

When Senator Conger's attorneys announced that they were through with the Republican examination late in the afternoon he was taken in hand by Senator Newcomb and forced to confess that the combination of bridge building concerns known as the American Bridge Co. had accepted a corruption fund in 1909, 1903 and 1905. Conger struggled hard and refused to answer some of Senator Newcomb's questions until directed to reply by which presiding officer. Under such compulsion the Groton senator admitted that the bridge company in 1903 turned their legislative bribery fund over to the American Bridge Co., in which the witness and his brother Frank were interested.

He was not pressed to tell the uses to which this fund was put, but after the merciless grilling Conger recoiled from his Republican colleagues a grim smile flashed across his harassed face as he replied: "There was a contribution to the state chairman of the Republican organization in 1902."

Conger was questioned no more along this line, for Senator Newcomb declared that the purpose of his interrogation was not to carry the investigation into the details of the charge against Aldis, but to put on the records evidence for use when the inquiry is carried further, after the Aldis charges are disposed of. The method by which the bill will be accomplished is still undecided.

NEW BOATS ORDERED FOR J. B. A. CLUB

The James Bay Athletic Association management committee Tuesday decided to buy two new boats to cost \$400, and will have them here for use this summer. The committee was called together to consider the long deferred rebuilding plans. Nothing, however, was done, but the secretary will communicate with the syndicate which proposed to build on the waterfront over a year ago if the J. B. A. A. would go into the scheme with it. The committee is waiting a reply from this company. Committees as follows were struck for this year:

House—F. W. Thomas, chairman; E. N. Case, K. T. Hughes, R. H. Hiscock and E. J. Sears. Boating—D. O'Sullivan, chairman; K. T. Hughes, W. N. Kennedy, and R. Hiscock. Track—J. P. Sweeney, chairman; J. J. Winsby and J. O'Sullivan. Rugby—Leo Sweeney, chairman, with power to add to his number. Soccer—K. T. Hughes, chairman; S. J. Shanks and S. Lormier. Baseball—S. Shanks, chairman; K. T. Hughes, with power to add to their number. Grounds—V. K. Grey. Hockey—E. J. Sears, with power to add to his number. Indoor Sports—W. N. Kennedy, chairman; J. P. Sweeney and V. K. Grey.

AWA MARU LEFT FOR JAPAN AND CHINA

Heavy Cargo of Foodstuffs, Cotton and Lumber Carried by Liner. Steamer Awa Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha left here Tuesday evening soon after 5 o'clock. She had a full cargo consisting of 5,500 tons of mostly flour, salt fish, cotton and lumber. When she pulled out from Victoria she had aboard sixty passengers, of whom only four were in the first cabin. Most of the passengers were Japanese returning home on business or pleasure bent. There were no Chinese aboard this time for the Chinese have just completed celebrating their New Year and are not travelling. They usually leave at a suitable time so that they can be at their Chinese homes for the new year. The rush back to this country will soon begin and will continue for several months.

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Director Galbraith Plays a Lone Hand Against Odds

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Dominion Fisheries' Inspector William M. Galbraith has another case of infringement against the Dominion fishing regulations, but how to get it tried was a matter that could not be decided this morning, for while Mr. Galbraith had provided the case and issued the summons against the defendant, a Greek, and the defendant had instructed Perry Mills, K.C., to appear for him, there was no court before which the matter could be brought.

A properly constituted court, it appears, must have a magistrate and also a clerk, and at the close of the police court proceedings this morning City Police Clerk L. J. Seymour left his desk and went about the city's business.

Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Mills sat around waiting for a case to be called, while the magistrate looked on. Mr. Galbraith, appeared to be the magistrate, said he thought the provincial police would have taken the matter up, but it appears that the provincial police are not working for the Dominion. Mr. Galbraith's hands are tied in this respect. He has no authority, as disclosed in a previous case, to employ legal or other assistance to prosecute his cases without first obtaining direct instructions from the department at Ottawa, so the case this morning remained undecided.

The counsel for the defence could not plead until the case was called, and the absence of a clerk prevented the calling of the case. The magistrate finally adjourned the matter till to-morrow, saying that meantime he would see the provincial police regarding it. The charge is brought against a Greek, who, it is alleged by the prosecution, was caught fishing in the Esquimalt harbor with a herring seine without a license.

PUEBLA BROUGHT HAY FROM CALIFORNIA

Importation for Brackman-Ker Milling Company—Number of Passengers. A large importation of hay arrived on Wednesday for the Brackman-Ker Milling Company from San Francisco. The City of Puebla, which arrived last night, brought 130 tons of alfalfa. Usually this class of hay is obtained from the Yakima valley, but this year there is a scarcity and the result is that an importation is being made from California. It is quite an unusual shipment for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's vessels to make. The City of Puebla brought in all 203 tons of freight for this port and a number of passengers. The following were those who departed here: George H. Stevens, Henry Blackie, F. T. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarthy and Gracie McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Thies-Friese, William Reilly and one second class.

SLOOP WRECKED AND OCCUPANTS LOST

Blankets and Part of Boat Are Found But No Sign of Mail Carriers. A delayed dispatch from the steamer Tees at Winter Harbor, in the neighborhood of Quatsino, was received on Wednesday which seems to indicate that two mail carriers have lost their lives at that northern point. L. Jensen, 22 years of age, and H. Miller, 12 years of age, Cape Scott mail carriers for San Josef Bay, left Tees, Outer Cove, Cape Russell, on January 17th, at 9 a.m., in a small sloop for Winter Harbor. A man named Raussen saw them leaving at that time, and nothing has been seen or heard of them since. After a certain length of time when they did not return with mail or provisions, great anxiety was felt for them. Mr. J. Jensen, father of L. Jensen, started from Cape Scott February 5th to search along the coast. He was joined at San Josef Bay by S. Kenion. Both searched as far as Winter Harbor. Nothing was seen until reaching the east side of Topkiot Point, where they found one pair of double blankets and part of the house work of the sloop in which they left Sea Otter Cove. Nothing more was found along the coast to Winter Harbor. The searching party was picked up by S. S. Tees, from there they will go by boat to Hoberg, head of West Arm, Quatsino Sound, travelling across trail to San Josef Bay.

The searching party reports to Captain Gilliam that the people of San Josef Bay are short of provisions, and unless aid comes to them soon people will be in great distress. Quatsino people are sending a launch as soon as possible with provisions. Nothing was seen of the derelict Susie M. Plummer by the searching party along the coast.

The funeral of the late John Dempsey took place Wednesday at 9 o'clock from the Hanna parlors and a few minutes later at the Roman Catholic cathedral where services were conducted by Rev. Father Van Noyal. The attendance of friends was large and many beautiful flowers were sent. Interment was made in Ross Bay cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: E. J. Johnston, H. Bailey, J. McNeil, W. Duiwey, P. Gustafson and R. Chadwick.

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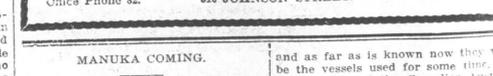
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### GREAT YEAR FOR GERMAN ARMY

#### MILITARY FINANCE TO BE REVISED

Whole Military Situation Will Receive Attention This Spring

(By Herbert A. White, Berlin Correspondent of the United Press.)  
Berlin, Feb. 6.—When the German finance law comes up for discussion at the beginning of April a good many bitter criticisms will be passed in the Reichstag, both with regard to the amount of the appropriation for the forthcoming year and also to administrative questions.

On one point the government is decided. That is that no change will be made either in the numerical or in the offensive strength of the army, except perhaps in the direction of an increase in both directions.

The discussions this year will be more interesting than ordinary because not only will the yearly questions in regard to finance come up, but the quinquennial law regarding the army is due for renewal.

It is not expected that any change will be made on general lines from 1905. A big change, however, is inevitable in matters of finance.

Military finance in Germany remains where it was after the war of 1870. The provision made then utterly failed to foresee the modern developments of Germany, and in consequence at the present time it is utterly insufficient for imperial needs.

The forthcoming quinquennial law will put the army finances on a broader basis and will provide sufficient for the yearly needs of the army without recourse to state loans.

Germany enters the present year with 4,000,000 trained soldiers available for war and 6,000 field units. Besides these there will be a reserve of 3,000,000 partially or superficially trained men.

In many departments considerable innovations are forthcoming. For one thing new drill regulations both for cavalry and foot will come into force which will alter largely the whole of German tactics. The new cavalry drill has made an end of divisional formations and has established the brigade as the unit of manoeuvre. Evolutions have been simplified and while the shock cavalry tactics are maintained to some extent, the regulations now recognize that frontal attacks by masses of cavalry can no longer be of any influence in a battle fought by troops of all arms.

One feature this year will be the building of airships. Although Germany is already supreme in the air, building will proceed faster than ever during the next few months. At present the army fleet consists of dirigibles and there are some other dirigibles in private hands capable of being requisitioned in war. In the next few months building regulations will be promulgated and before long Germany hopes to have a dozen of these.

Altogether 1910 will be a year of great progress for the German army and the end of the year its supremacy over other European armies should be more pronounced than ever.

### GERMAN SURTAX GOES OFF ON MARCH 1ST

#### Large Increase in Trade With Canada Will Probably Follow

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The removal of the German surtax on March 1st will mean a fairly substantial reduction in tariff taxation though it will not necessarily result in a reduction of the customs revenue in view of the fact that there will probably follow a largely increased importation of goods from Germany.

Since the surtax first came into force, 1907, the additional rate of duty imposed on German goods has brought into the treasury the sum of \$12,986,648. The abolition of the surtax therefore practically means a reduction of customs duties by \$2,900,000 a year. In 1907-08 the surtax added \$2,856,159 to the customs revenue and in 1908-09 it added \$1,857,866. That the removal of surtax will be followed by a large increase in trade with Germany is certain. In 1905 Canada's trade with Germany amounted to \$14,380,323, including imports from Germany amounting to \$12,282,637 and exports to Germany \$2,097,686, but as soon as the surtax became operative there was a large falling off of trade between the two countries. In the following year the imports decreased to \$8,175,004 and exports to \$1,819,223. The downward tendency has continued up to the present. Last year the imports into Canada from Germany amounted to \$6,050,355 and exports were \$1,476,552 or a trade of half of what it was before the tax went into force.

### AVIATION MEET.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Chicago is a candidate for the international aviation meet of 1910. The opening of the campaign to bring the big event to this city was marked by the organization of the Aero Club of Illinois, composed of 1,138 citizens of Chicago. The organization of the club is preliminary to the obtaining of a charter from the state and the affiliation of the association with the Aero Club of America.

The president of the club is Octave Charute, while the first vice-president is James N. Plew, who managed the flights of Glenn H. Curtis. Plew says the organization intends to equip aviation grounds with buildings for machines and accommodations for members in one of the suburbs.

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### FORTY DOLLARS FINE FOR HOTEL LICENSE

#### Decision Against Thomas McManus in Liquor Case

Thomas McManus, proprietor of the California hotel, who appeared on remand in the police court on Wednesday charged with supplying liquor to an intoxicated man, was fined \$40, in default of payment distress, or in default of distress one month's imprisonment.

Two days' time was allowed the hotel-keeper to pay the fine, the allowance being given at the request of Frank Higgins, who defended McManus, and announced as the magistrate had not answered one of the points of his defence he would appeal the case to get a decision on that particular point.

The complaint was brought by License Inspector Handley, who with two constables saw the man served with a glass of beer in defendant's saloon. For the defence the proprietor said he had given his bartender instructions not to serve intoxicated men. The bartender's evidence was that he had not noticed the man's condition.

The magistrate in giving his decision said there was no question as to the intention of the law. The licensees must see that his instructions are carried out. He read from similar cases and a judgment by Lord Russell which said the penalty could only be inflicted on licensees, and that the bartender's contention that he had not noticed the condition of the man did not release the proprietor of the saloon from responsibility.

### BOY SHOOT BROTHER WHILE "PLAYING BEAR"

#### The Little Fellow Did Not Know That the Old Rifle Was Loaded

Portland, Ore., Feb. 16.—To-day Robert Schildmeyer, four years old, is dead, having been accidentally killed by his brother four years his senior, in their home at Riverdale yesterday.

The boys had been "playing bear" in their home. Suddenly Gustav picked up a chambered rifle and pointing the weapon at the head of his little brother, pulled the trigger. With a shriek of pain Robert sank to the floor, a bullet piercing his head just below the left temple. Death resulted almost instantly.

Coroner Kenningworth made a thorough investigation of the shooting, assigning the child's death as due to the accidental discharge of the old rifle.

### ALBERTA'S PREMIER ANSWERS QUESTIONS

#### Statement Regarding Railway Bonds Endorsed by the Province

Edmonton, Feb. 16.—Premier Rutherford in the legislature replied to questions asked by Mr. Bennett, of Calgary, and Mr. Boyle, of Sturgeon. He replied to Mr. Bennett that the guarantees of the province had been endorsed since the last meeting of the legislature on 195 miles of the G. T. E. branch lines, 280 miles of C. N. R. and 250 miles of Alberta & Great Waterways railway. The bonds for the G. T. E. and C. N. R. were for \$19,000 per mile at 4 per cent interest, and on the A. G. W. for \$20,000 per mile at 5 per cent interest. As for miles of the lines constructed, the G. T. E. has 50 miles graded and 25 miles steel laid, the C. N. R. has 37 miles graded and 19 miles steel laid, the A. G. W. 5 1/2 miles graded.

In reply to Mr. Boyle, the premier stated that the government was not aware of the subscribed capital of the A. G. W., but at least \$50,000 was paid up and deposited in the Merchants' Bank. The directors are W. R. Clarke, president, Wm. Bain and G. P. Minty. A government railway engineer has been appointed in R. W. Jones, C. E.

The bonds of the railway had been sold to J. P. Morgan & Co. at par Canadian terms, and the total amount realized on the bonds was \$7,400,000.

A large delegation of representatives of the districts of Glouchen, Calgary, High River and Lacombe, waited on members of the cabinet to enter a protest against the agricultural college being affiliated with the university and situated at Strathcona.

### FOSTER'S LABEL SUIT

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The \$50,000 slander action of Hon. George E. Foster against J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Globe, was not reached in court this morning.

### LAST HEARD OF FALSE CREEK

#### VANCOUVER GETS If Long-Talked Plans Do Not FINAL EXTENSION

#### Materialize at Once Bill is Dead

An evergreen problem with which the city of Vancouver has been wrestling at intervals since 1904 is that of the False Creek foreshore. An act obtained in that year gave the city power to acquire any property it needed to carry out a scheme of improvement for that portion of the waterfront, there being in contemplation a plan of utilizing it for harbor purposes, the C.P.R. having shut off the Burrard inlet waterfront, and have a union depot for any future lines of railway which may enter the city. The Great Northern has acquired a big slice of the foreshore on the south of the creek.

Nothing but talk has ever resulted, however, and it has been necessary to come to the Legislature from time to time to get an act to keep alive the city's powers in that regard. The limit was first 1907, then 1908, next 1910, and this session a bill has been before the House extending the time limit for five years longer. When the city's representatives came to private bills committee on Wednesday they reduced their demand to one year, but the committee, after all that there was to say pro and con, told the city that it would extend eight months further, the original bill, as much amended, to become null and void if something is not undertaken within that time.

Mayor Taylor, City Solicitor W. A. Macdonald, K.C., and Aldermen Stevenson and Hepburn were present on behalf of Vancouver, E. V. Bodwell, K.C., appeared on behalf of the False Creek Property-owners' Association. The Great Northern railway which appears last year with the city, is at cuts with them now, standing pat on its own rights, and did not lend any more than instruct the private bills committee on Wednesday they reduced their demand to one year, but the committee, after all that there was to say pro and con, told the city that it would extend eight months further, the original bill, as much amended, to become null and void if something is not undertaken within that time.

The city representatives explained the situation at this time. At last election the general plan for a scheme of improvement had been endorsed by the ratepayers, and it was now desired that a year longer be allowed the city to carry on and complete its arrangements. The council had been elected on a platform that they must settle the question this year.

r. Bodwell said the city had put up the same story every time they came for an extension of time. The property owners were being held up in any plans they might desire to make or in the sale of their property by the fact that they were liable to expropriation at any time, and at a time which might never come, judging by the rate at which the city was proceeding. The proper thing for the city to do was to expropriate the property now, seeing they had to do so eventually to carry out any scheme, and then go ahead with the formulation of a scheme. This they ought to be able to do inside of ninety days.

How many acres by getting the property themselves than if the thing was left in its nebulous state.

R. K. Holgate, chairman of the Property-owners' Association; Mathewson, secretary, and E. G. Gault, were heard as to the way they are being hampered, it being impossible to build wharves or make any use of the property while the city's False Creek Act will become void in their present chaotic form.

"If we do nothing in a year we will drop it, and that can go down in the minutes if you like," said City Solicitor Macdonald.

The committee discussed the matter for some time in private, and on the re-admission of the parties announced that an extension of eight months was all the committee felt the duty should be granted, as in that time it could have its plans formulated. If at the end of that time none have been arrived at the False Creek Foreshore Act will become void.

After consultation with the Vancouver representatives the city solicitor accepted the situation, and at his request an undertaking by Mr. Bodwell that none of the property-owners will interpose any difficulties in the way of a settlement was entered in the minutes.

Thus the last has at length been seen in the Legislature of a subject that has become almost a perennial.

The committee this morning considered and reported on four railway charters, these being for the Northern Vancouver Island, Pacific and Alaska, Carlbo, Barkerville and Willow River and F. C. Central companies. The Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and North-ern Railway was given an amendment to its charter empowering it to build to Vancouver and also to extend its line to Lillooet.

### DETS FOR INJURIES.

Nanaimo, Feb. 12.—The death occurred in the Nanaimo hospital Thursday night of Joseph Ashcroft, who was injured by a cow on Marshall's milk ranch on Tuesday last.

It appears that when the young man was tending a calf, a cow which was feeding, raised its head, the point of one horn striking Ashcroft in the face else by the nose. The wound bled profusely and a doctor was summoned who attended the injured man and had him put to bed. Next morning Ashcroft was delirious and he was at once removed to the hospital, where his skull was found to be fractured. He died on Thursday night, death being due to hemorrhage of the brain. The deceased was a native of Lancashire, England, aged 32 years.

### COLD WAVE.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 16.—The Mesoseric valley is storm swept to-day and in many places the mercury is hovering around the zero mark.

In Southern Kansas and Oklahoma a blizzard is raging. Sleet and cutting winds are prevalent throughout Oklahoma. At Muskogee telephone and telegraph wires are down.

### WILL RUSH BUSINESS.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier gives notice that from now on government orders shall have precedence immediately after questions on Mondays. This forchadown an early close of the session.

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### VALUABLE CARGO ON LONSDALE

#### THOUSAND TONS FROM EASTERN CANADA

#### The Canadian-Mexican Liner Brought 4,000 Tons of Goods for B. C.

Four thousand tons of valuable goods Lonsdale, arriving Tuesday. The steamer had every inch of cargo space filled and a small quantity had to be left behind owing to lack of room. On the deck were piled large nitric acid pots weighing 16,000 lbs. each for the Victoria Chemical Works, and a quantity of other heavy steel goods. The first consignment of pipe for the Esquimalt Waterworks was also among the cargo.

The bulk of the freight brought by the Lonsdale came from Europe and crossed the isthmus by the Tehuantepec railway. It consisted of wines, spirits, fancy groceries and almost everything that is used on this Coast. The most interesting consignment, however, was 1,000 tons of canned fruit, vegetables, fish, clams and other products of Eastern Canada, which were shipped from St. John, N. B., and were packed chiefly in Ontario. This it has been proved can be carried cheaper by the Mexican route than overland, and in the commencement of a business which has enormous possibilities.

As well as the cargo which came over the railway the steamer has 600 tons of salt and a quantity of coffee collected by the steamer Salvador from Central American ports. This steamer is operated by Symonds & Co., the owners of the Great Northern in Ontario. This it has been proved can be carried cheaper by the Mexican route than overland, and in the commencement of a business which has enormous possibilities.

Five hundred tons of the cargo, in addition to the steel pipe, is slow work, and by working day and night it will take a day or two to remove it. The stevedores worked all last night, but have only commenced to move the heavy material.

Only three passengers came north from Mexico. One of these was Mr. Clark, who is travelling with the pipe consignment, and the others were British seamen who were in distress at Salina Cruz, and who were taken to the British consul.

A full cargo of lumber, grain, salmon and coal awaits the Lonsdale at B. C. points. There is 1,000 tons of coal going to Guaymas, and it is expected that they will leave for the south in about three weeks time.

The Canadian-Mexican service to British Columbia is just beginning to be felt. Captain Worsnop is at present in the Old Country arranging for the service in the future, and it is very probable that some change in at least one of the steamers will be made. The Lonsdale, however, is a very suitable vessel for the business, but two steamers of her size are hardly able to manage the amount of freight which is being secured.

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### SETTLERS' RIGHTS IN E. & N. RAILWAY GRANT

#### Several Questions Asked by John Jardine on a Live Subject

In view of the present movement to finally solve the long-veged problem of the rights of the settlers in the E. & N. railway belt, John Jardine asked two sets of questions in the House Tuesday. The first set was addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and was as follows:

1. How many acres within the E. & N. railway reserve have been granted by the E. & N. railway to persons who claimed the land by squatters' right?

2. How many acres were granted to persons claiming by pre-emption?

3. How many acres in the said reserve have been granted by the Dominion government to persons claiming under squatters' rights?

4. How many acres by the Dominion government to persons claiming by pre-emption?

5. How many acres have already been granted outside the reserve to the E. & N. railway to compensate it for the lands that had been granted as above?

6. Do these lands already so granted to the E. & N. railway as compensation contain iron ore?

7. Have those already granted compensation lands been valued by a government officer?

8. Have they been valued by an expert on behalf of the government?

9. What was the value placed upon them?

10. Does the government intend to do those already granted compensation lands valued by an expert now?

11. Is it the intention of the government to allow all persons claiming the coal rights under the land granted to them within the E. & N. railway reserve to appear on the 11th February to present and make good their claim, who now make such claim by virtue of their squatters' rights or pre-emption right notwithstanding that the time limited by the act has passed for making such application under the Island Settlers' Rights Act?

12. What is the date of the notice that appears in the Colonist of the 6th of February warning persons to appear before the government on the 11th of February to make good their claims under the Island Settlers' Rights Act?

13. How many acres does the government propose to grant as compensation?

14. Has this proposed compensation land been examined and valued by an expert on behalf of the government?

15. What is its value?

Hon. Price Ellison answered as follows:

1. Have no record of the company's dealings with squatters.

2. Have no record of the company's dealings with pre-emptors.

3. No information in the land department.

4. 9,469.

5. Unable to say.

6. No.

7. No valuation made.

8. No.

9. No.

10. No data.

11. No.

12. It is not intended to extend the time for entering claims under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act.

13. No data.

14. 15, 16 and 17. The matter is under consideration.

The second set of questions was addressed to Hon. Mr. Bowser as under:

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1. Does the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company own the land in what is called the railway reserve on Vancouver Island which has not been alienated to private parties?

2. If not, who owns it?

3. Does the E. & N. Railway Company own the coal or coal rights under the lands mentioned in question 1?

4. If not, who owns it?

5. Does the E. & N. Railway Company own the coal or coal rights under the land in the reserve which has been alienated to private parties (except those who have obtained grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act)?

6. If not, who owns it?

7. Are there two E. & N. Railway Company's in British Columbia?

8. If yes, which has the right of freedom from taxation under the statutes?

9. If no, why is neither the coal nor the land in that reserve taxed?

The Minister of Finance replied as follows:

1. Yes, as far as we know.

2. The persons to whom the land is alienated.

3. Yes, where such coal or coal rights have been reserved by the company; no, where no such reservation has been made by the company.

4. Where reservation has been made by the company, the persons to whom alienated.

5. It depends upon the nature of the grants made by the company.

6. The persons to whom alienated.

7. No.

8. Answered by No. 7.

9. All the lands within the railway reserve legally liable for taxation have been taxed.

### HOPE ABANDONED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Officials of the navy department announced this afternoon that all hope had been abandoned of finding the navy tug Nina and her crew of thirty-two men.

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### KING EDWARD PARLIAMENT'S PLACE

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London, Feb. 21.—The third session of King Edward's reign was assembled formally last night and opened in state at 2 o'clock afternoon with the prospect of a thrilling session.

Added to the usual brilliant occasion, was the feeling of excitement due to the problems, the most delicate of which will be required to speedily dissolution of the parliament and the calling of another parliament.

Hundreds of thousands of people and thousands of sightseers from all over the country all crowded to the streets around Westminster when King Edward drove out. Two regiments of Life Guards in their picturesque attire, were guarding the line of route. The fine touch of color to the scene.

Preceded by mounted troops and great officers of state were the

been seen. They attracted attention for the eyes of all who for a glimpse of King Edward. Presently the state coach came in sight. Hundreds of clumsy, without springs, lugs of glass and most of the coach is of gold. An uncomely vehicle surely, but all the king every inch the vehicle in would expect a king to ride strange on the roads would doubt of the popularity of King Edward among his people had his coach come in sight. Arriving at the Victoria station, he was greeted by a salute of 41 guns.



KING EDWARD.

### MINERS' STRIKE WILL BE AVOIDED

#### PROSPECT OF EARLY SETTLEMENT OF

#### President of Mine Says Men Will Advance in Wage

(Times Leased Wire)

Pearl Hills, Feb. 21.—Mines and miners of the middle states, who have faced the prospect of a great strike in the country, are assured all difficulties between employed and owners will be settled.

President Thomas M. I. United Mine Workers made the following statement public through the United Mine Workers:

"You can say that a job will be held between miners